



Community Update

Siam e ne schaleche siam

My dear people, as we expected, today the Lummi Indian Business Council accepted the Lummi Public Health Teams recommendation and unanimously passed a Shelter in Place resolution (Reso #2020-055). This resolution is in response to mitigating the COVID-19 crisis by providing a mandate for all individuals living on the Lummi Indian Reservation to shelter in place. The resolution takes effect today, March 22, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. and will remain in place until April 5, 2020 11:59 p.m. Please do not panic; we are prepared for this. Be assured that certain fundamental activities will still be allowed. Individuals may travel from their homes to:

- Provide or receive certain essential services, like taking care of family members or to obtain medical services;
- Engage in certain essential activities such as going to get groceries, medications, fishing, hunting and gathering; and
- Work for essential businesses, essential infrastructure, and vital LIBC functions.

LIBC will continue to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the Nation during this Shelter in Place Order. Commodities and the student lunch programs will continue and the Lummi Mini-Mart and the Cove store will remain open to serve the community.

All LIBC employees will be contacted by your direct supervisor with direction regarding your work schedule.

We recognize that this shelter in place order may cause confusion. Our objective is to take every measure and to ensure the health and safety of our families during this COVID-19 pandemic. We love our people. This resolution is a mandate for our people and families to stay home. It further emphasizes the necessity to protect our elders and youth and prohibits all gatherings of individuals within the Lummi Reservation.

When it is necessary for you to leave your home please practice good Social Distancing, take great care to protect our elders, and Wash your hands frequently. We cannot stress enough the value of each and every one of our Lummi members. Please join us in taking every precaution to mitigate the impacts of the great flood of this virus that becomes more of a threat to our community every day. Please stay home.

Clarifying information about the Shelter in Place Order will be released this evening. For more information please visit our LIBC websites or our social media outlets.

It is important to have Sxwolowen at this time, one heart and one minds one spirit for the work. Che Shesh Whe Wheleq Sen – we come from survivors of the great flood. Sqweshent-lh tse Xwlemi Elhta-Ing-exw – we protect the Lummi People

Hy'shqe Siam ne shcaleche siam Hyshqe xwian ne quol quol
Chairman Lawrence Solomon